

Integrated Justice in Washington State

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Activity in the JIN Program Office

JIN Proof of Concept and Technology Roundtables

The first JIN Proof of Concept project, a collaborative effort to share stolen vehicle information among the King County Regional Automation Network (RAIN), the Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA), and the Washington State Patrol, is three weeks into operation. This week, the Project Manager, Equarius, successfully established connections to RAIN, LESA and the JIN Program Office. We are hoping to complete development by April 14 and to go live on April 21.

We also had the kickoff meeting for the second Proof of Concept project. This effort, which will be led by Online Business Systems, will use enterprise service bus architecture to facilitate the exchange of citation data among Seattle Municipal Court, AOC and the Department of Licensing.

At today's Technology Roundtable, Alain Dias, the Director of Strategic Services for Equarius, presented a number of governance models for the JIN Program Office. It was the consensus of the participants that if the Program Office is to offer value to the State and to achieve the goals of the JIN, it needs to have some input into where funds are allocated, both at the State level and through federal grants.

Summary Offender Profile

How many steps does it take to get an application running? In my last report, I stated that installation was ready to begin. On Monday, Templar informed me that they could not start because ftp server had not been made available under IIS. I called the 800-number of the IT support provider to get this taken care of, and, when I had not heard back from them, called the support provider's Olympia office to ascertain if anything had happened. Apparently the service ticket had not been delivered—a problem that was quickly remedied. However, when the

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support person showed up on Wednesday, she did not know that the cds for Windows 2000 were in the server cabinet, so, thinking herself unable to install the needed component, she went home. After we explained to her where to find the software, she returned to the data center on Thursday, only to find that another ala-carte subscriber was occupying the only available workstation. She returned later in the day to install the needed component and Templar later confirmed a successful connection and began the installation process. I've not yet heard a progress report, but will update the JIN community next week.

On a related note, it seems that the Attunity middleware, a key component of the application, is no longer supported by AOC. It is not clear yet what effect this will have on the configuration. Another obstacle. As Camus observed:

If this myth is tragic, that is because its hero is conscious. Where would his torture be, indeed, if at every step the hope of succeeding upheld him? The workman of today works everyday in his life at the same tasks, and his fate is no less absurd. But it is tragic only at the rare moments when it becomes conscious.

I am optimistic that we will be ready to begin the pilot in the next couple of weeks. One must imagine Sisyphus happy. I am resolute.

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On Monday, I visited the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Pasco. They have a significant allocation of Homeland Security funds, and a desire to engage local and state entities in collaborative projects. I am excited by the potential for collaboration and will continue to pursue this relations hip.

Federal Grants

The deadline for grant applications is Monday. I spent a significant amount of time this week developing an application and supporting documentation for the Program Office. I am hoping to obtain funding for a project to gather security and performance requirements from JIN constituents and then to enlist contractor support to develop a plan for the physical and logical structure for information sharing in the state. The subcommittee of the Justice Information Board, is scheduled to meet on April 16 to review proposals.

I also met yesterday with a representative of the Emergency management Division to discuss logistics relating to the \$200,000 grant I was awarded by the Governor as part of the state's Homeland Security Plan. I need to submit a more detailed proposal as soon as possible (I am hoping to do this next week), which then needs to be approved for execution. I hope to build on the lessons of the Proof of Concept projects to facilitate the automation of one or more key exchanges of information in the JIN community. This will be discussed in detail with the Technical Advisory Group as it develops.